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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AFT PRESIDENT SHANKER

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1. IN THE PERIOD JULY 4-AUG 1 ALBERT SHANKER, PRESIDENT OF THE AFT (AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS), ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS 14 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER, WILL BE VISITING A NUMBER OF EA POSTS TO OBSERVE AAFLI (ASIAN-AMERICAN FREE LABOR INSTITUTE) PROJECTS, CONFER WITH LOCAL LABOR LEADERS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS (THAILAND ONLY) AND SERVE AS AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY'S "PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE" TO THE SOHYO CONVENTION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES BE GIVEN TO PRESIDENT SHANKER. HIS ITINERARY AND SCHEDULE FOLLOW BELOW:

TOKYO - ARRIVE JULY 5 AT 1330 HOURS WITH PA 801, DEPART

JULY 6 AT 1335 HOURS WITH AZ 779

BANGKOK - ARRIVE JULY 6 AT 1935 HOURS, DEPART JULY 12 AT 1040 HOURS WITH TG 600

HONG KONG - ARRIVE JULY 12 AT 1410 HOURS, DEPART JULY 15 AT 1300 HOURS WITH PA 2.

TOKYO - ARRIVE JULY 15 AT 1750 HOURS, DEPART JULY 22 AT 1000 HOURS WITH CX 7.

TAIPEI - ARRIVE JULY 22 AT 1205 HOURS, DEPART JULY 27 AT 1400 HOURS WITH PR 409.

MANILA - ARRIVE JULY 27 AT 1545 HOURS, DEPART JULY 27 AT 1715 HOURS WITH PR 535.

JAKARTA - ARRIVE JULY 27 AT 1930 HOURS, DEPART AUGUST 1 AT 0700 HOURS WITH GA 876.

TOKYO - ARRIVE AUGUST 1 1900 HOURS, DEPART AUGUST 1 2100 HOURS WITH PA 830

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, BEING MADE BY AAFLI, HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLETED.

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3. FYI. BESIDES BEING AFT PRESIDENT, SHANKER IS ONE OF THE MORE ACTIVE AND WELL-KNOWN AFL-CIO VICE PRESIDENTS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE AFL-CIO STANDING COMMITTEES FOR ECONOMIC POLICY, LEGISLATIVE, POLITICAL EDUCATION, EDUCATION (CHAIRMAN) AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE ALSO SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE AAFLI BOARD OF TRUSTEES. BECAUSE OF HIS ROLE AS AFT PRESIDENT AND BECAUSE HE ENJOYS THE CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT MEANY HE IS PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN THE GROWING RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO AND SOHYO. IN THIS CONNECTION IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE IS ATTENDING THE SOHYO CONVENTION AS PRESIDENT MEANY'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOT AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFL-CIO. ALTHOUGH SHANKER HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY ASSISTANCE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THOSE POSTS ALSO BEING VISITED BY ILGWU PRESIDENT CHAIKIN AND PARTY, BANGKOK, HONG KONG AND TOKYO,

WOULD EXTEND TO SHANKER EQUIVALENT COURTESIES AND ASSISTANCE. NEWSOM

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